

**Commissioners Meeting
August 4, 2015**

Present: David Gogel, AL Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Chuck Painter, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Deputy Auditor Heidi Greene

Absent: Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M.

Claims

Seiler made a motion to approve Batch # 3167. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3170. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Highway Report

Painter presented the fuel report for July 2015. There will now be one report each month to be kept on file in the Auditor's Office. Paving for the second set of CEDIT roads is scheduled to begin somewhere between August 10th -13th. The last set of CEDIT roads will be bid out at the September 4th meeting. Work will resume on the Chip and Seal roads just as soon as the CEDIT plan roads are completed.

Painter mentioned that Paul Medcalf, the gentleman that attended the last Commissioner's meeting and provided information about changing one of our vehicles from diesel had come to see him. Medcalf is assisting with a grant through AEP that would give the county \$100,000.00 to purchase a new truck. The requirements are that it be natural gas, propane, bi-fuel, or tier 4 low emissions. The county would be granted the same amount of money if we chose to purchase 1 truck or 10 trucks. Logsdon asked Painter what type of engine would he suggest and Painter stated the tier 4 low emissions engine, due to that being the type of engine that most companies are coming out with now anyways. Logsdon made a motion to proceed with filling out the application for the Vehicle Technology Program. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Road closing at Grandview should be opened back up this week. Painter has inspected the road and unless something happens it appears fine to re-open, which will then take care of the unofficial detour.

Brian Malone with INDOT contacted Painter about the road closing to repair slides on SR 66 out of Grandview. INDOT had initially informed us that the work would take place this Fall, but it has now been put off until Spring. Painter informed Malone that he had 2 different roads for runarounds, due to the locations of the slides. Malone told Painter that Rusty Fowler informed him that there would only be 1 allowed runaround. Painter informed the commissioners it would be up to them if they wanted to argue that. Painter anticipates them wanting to sign an agreement in Sept. or Oct.

Painter mentioned that at the last meeting he spoke to them about purchasing an excavator on tracks. He stated that he has the money in his budget, but will have to transfer from lease/rental to equipment. He plans to do the transfer at the September council meeting if all commissioners are in agreement. The new excavator will be used for cleaning ditches, preparing roads and all the same functions as the rubber tire excavator. The rubber tire excavator is getting a lot of hours and can only be used on the road, where as the track excavator can handle off-road jobs as well. Lindsey instructed Painter that he needs to get 3 quotes and the bid will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Painter had Graber Post come down and give a quote on the cost to put a roof over the salt building. Lindsey will check into whether we need more quotes or to bid it out.

Gogel received a request from the St. Meinrad Fall Festival committee to close 4th street, from Brewery Street south, for the fall festival. The request is to close the road from 8am, September 19th to 8pm September 20th. Logsdon made a motion to approve the closing of 4th street from Brewery Street south on September 19th to 20th. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel also received a request to close CR 687E from 1910N to 1930N for the Mariah Hill picnic. The road would need to be closed from noon on August 8th to 8pm on August 9th. This road closing is done annually for the picnic. Logsdon made a motion to approve closing CR 687E for the Mariah Hill picnic. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey reported that he is working on an ambulance services contract that has not been updated since 1983.

Gogel stated he felt that there were term limits for consecutive years on the Animal Control board and had asked Lindsey to check. Lindsey researched the by-laws for Animal Control and did not see any term limits listed.

Painter stated there are still a lot of semis and large trucks using old 231. A county deputy informed him that if we would put up weight limit and no truck signs, he will start pulling over trucks on that road. Logsdon asked if we wanted to post signs and take the risk of trucks then using CR 1250N. Painter stated that the trucks are supposed to stay on state highways, but that old 231 would handle the wear and weight of the trucks better than CR 1250N. Logsdon suggested that we post signs and make it the same load limits as hwy 45 and hwy 245. Painter will check into what those weight limits are and get signs posted.

Michael Meadors

Meadors and neighbors came in to discuss their concerns for CR 1850N and the need for repairs and widening. They presented a petition requesting improvements be made to this road. This road is heavily traveled by cyclists and they feel the road needs to be widened, paved and the ditches cleaned out. Logsdon stated that no guarantees could be made, but he felt the only possibility of having any funds to do anything to the road would be to add it to the CEDIT plan temporarily to make the repairs. This action could not be taken this year, due to CEDIT funds already being allocated, but could be discussed for the future.

Pharmacy Benefit Manager

Logsdon explained that the ACA sets a maximum out of pocket expense on pharmaceutical, which the county is currently not doing. Complying with this mandate to implement the new max out of pocket requires a plan amendment. The proposed out of pocket max listed in the amendment are \$4,600.00 for an individual and \$8,700.00 for a family. This would give us a combined health and pharmaceutical max that is compliant with ACA requirements. The new plan Amendment #7 would go into effect August 1, 2015. Logsdon made a motion to approve Amendment #7 to revise the Summary Plan Description with a retroactive effective date of August 1, 2015. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Steve Obermeier

Obermeier and some residents of Hatfield and Eureka came to voice their concerns about the CAFO located outside of Hatfield owned by Mr. Parker. Mr. Obermeier has done lots of research on CAFO's and what the regulations and recommendations are. He explained that there have been 5 cases of C-diff since the CAFO was installed. Edie Weber was in attendance with Mr. Obermeier and stated that she knows of 5 cases in one subdivision located near the CAFO, with 2 cases being in children younger than 2. The individuals affected were told that exposure from the CAFO is a possibility for the illness. The residents feel that the bacteria being distributed in the air from the fans and also being located on stray feathers is the culprit. Another concern is the trucks leaving the plant not being covered and feathers covering the area. They feel this is a health concern. All the residents expressed the issues with smell and Obermeier ask if something like a bag house could be constructed to catch particulates and help with the odor. Logsdon will voice all the comments, concerns and recommendations from the residents to Mr. Houchin with Farbest Foods.

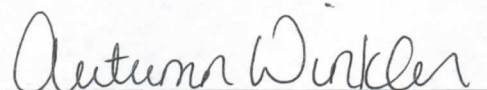
Old Business**Cleaning Position**

Gogel stated that someone requested to go from a part-time cleaning position to a full-time cleaning position. There is not a budgeted full-time position available at this time and with funds being tight it is not practical to create another full-time position. All were in agreement that the part-time position would not be changed to full-time, it was not necessary. The current part-time employee will continue her current schedule and duties, but cannot exceed 29 ¾ hours per week between the combined positions.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

 
President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler

